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APPENDIX D.

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Proceedings of the twenty-first meeting for 1922-1923 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held at Fort St. George on Saturday, the 20th January 1923.

PRESENT:

- (1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I., (Chairman).
- (2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. NATFSA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
- (3) " Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
- (4) " A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
- (5) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
- (6) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
- (7) Mr. A. M. MACDOUGALL.
- (8) Mr. C. E. WOOD.

(M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR did not attend.)

Read scheme relating to the continuance on a permanent basis of the existing experimental filters at Guindy (cost Rs. 8,916 per annum recurring).

The Committee recommended that the existing arrangements be continued for another year.

2. *Read* proposals relating to the improvements to the water-supply in the Coimbatore Agricultural College estate (cost Rs. 14,964 of which a sum of Rs. 11,500 will be spent in 1922-1923).

The scheme was discussed and was postponed for further consideration. The Committee suggested that in the meanwhile Messrs. MacDougall and Wood might examine the details of the scheme.

3. *Read* scheme relating to the formation of a Forest Engineering and Utilization branch (Rs. 37,000 excluding the pay of the Forest Utilization officer for whom provision already exists in the regular cadre).

The Committee recommended that provision should be included in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I) for the following items:—

- (i) Establishment for Mr. Martin (Rs. 6,127).
- (ii) Appointment of a Forest Utilization officer and an establishment (cost excluding the pay of the officer Rs. 8,300).
- (iii) * Appointment of a Lumbering (or Logging) Engineer and an establishment (cost Rs. 12,500).
- (iv) Training of two Assistant Conservators and three extra Assistant Conservators in America (cost Rs. 8,328).
- (v) Appointment of an Accountant (Rs. 1,200).

4. *Read again* proposals relating to the establishment of a central millet breeding station at Coimbatore (total expenditure Rs. 55,000 of which Rs. 52,700 is non-recurring and Rs. 2,300 is recurring). The scheme was discussed at the meeting held on 11th November 1922 and further particulars called for by the Committee were furnished to them.

* This was accepted by a majority.

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The Committee recommended that provision should be entered in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

5. *Read* scheme relating to the provision for a new fly-proof kitchen in the Sub-jail at Korapet (estimated cost Rs. 12,500).

The Committee considered the estimate excessive.

6. *Read* proposals for the construction of 40 additional quarantine cells in the Central Jail at Trichinopoly (estimated cost Rs. 63,000 and proposed budget provision is Rs. 30,000).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

7. *Read* scheme relating to the opening of an industrial school at Perambur for the children of criminal tribes [Budget provision proposed for 1923-1924 Rs. 8,800 recurring and Rs. 8,535 non-recurring. There may be a saving of Rs. 3,750 per annum on account of the transfer of boys from Bangalore].

The Committee recommended that provision should be entered in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

8. *Read* scheme relating to the opening of three new Registration offices (at Razam, Vempalle and Arni).

The Committee recommended that provision should be entered in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

9. *Read* scheme relating to the deputation of a Madras Educational Service officer to England, and institution of scholarships to two Indian women (Women Educational Service) for study in England.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (Class III).

10. *Read* scheme of additional expenditure on the opening of science classes in the Queen Mary's College for Women (budget provision proposed for 1923-1924 is Rs. 20,700 for staff and equipment).

The Committee recommended that provision should be entered in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

11. *Read* proposals for including provision in the budget for 1923-1924 for an Andhra University (estimated cost about 30 lakhs non-recurring, and 6 lakhs recurring : proposed budget provision for 1923-1924, 6 lakhs).

It does not appear to the Committee that the finances of the Presidency are in a condition to bear the expense of another university pending remission of part of the contribution to the Government of India. Meanwhile, the present scheme has not advanced to a stage at which any examination of its financial aspects is possible.

12. *Read* scheme for the preservation of bronzes in the Government Museum (proposed budget provision for 1923-1924 is Rs. 17,200).

The Committee recommended that provision should be made under class II (provision to be made in the budget for 1923-1924, if possible).

13. *Read* scheme relating to the provision of quarters for the taluk establishment at Gudalur, Nilgiri district. (Total estimated cost Rs. 53,400.)

The Committee considered that a total sum of Rs. 30,000 should be sufficient for the work and recommended a provision of that amount in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I), on the understanding that accommodation for the officers concerned is to be found within the amount named.

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14. *Read* scheme relating to the budget provision for police works.

The Committee recommended a total provision of 5 lakhs in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I) to be spent on 'works on progress' and not more than four of the most urgent of the twenty-six new works. They would further suggest that the Military Department be moved at once for a lease of the Indian Infantry Lines at Perambur and the Pudupet lines.

15. *Read* scheme relating to the provision of mid-day meals for pupils of the Adi-Dravida and other depressed classes (total expenditure estimated by the Director of Public Instruction is about 67 lakhs per annum).

The Committee did not recommend the scheme for adoption (class IV).

16. *Supplementary demands*.—The Committee, by a majority, accepted the proposal to move for the following supplementary demands:—

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(1) 41. Civil Works, on account of repairs in Government Houses at Guindy and Madras.	27,500
(2) 41. Civil Works, on account of carrying out certain urgent works at Government House at Ootacamund.	24,082
(3) 41. Civil Works, on account of incomplete (minor) works in Government House at Ootacamund.	15,100

17. The following papers were placed on the table:—

(1) Reappropriation of funds (Rs. 5,000) under '31. Education' in order to meet the extra expenditure for the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, and

(2) Purchase of a new motor lorry for the use of the Government Press at a cost of Rs. 7,760.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd January 1923.

C. G. TODHUNTER.